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In re Application of:)
Fumio NISHIMURA et al.)
Application No.: 09/812,786) Group Art Unit: 2632
Filed: March 15, 2001) Examiner: D. Pope
For: Electronic Apparatus and Fan)
Module Replacing Method)

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Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001, the period for response to which extends through March 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) An electronic apparatus capable of replacing a fan module during operation, comprising:
a relay cable coupled to a fan module for transmitting a fan drive voltage and capable of being disconnected/connected from/to a fan module;
means for instructing a replacement of a fan module; and
means for controlling a fan drive voltage not to be supplied via the relay capable to a fan module to be replaced when the replacement is instructed.

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